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SUBJECT: IMPOUNDED US BANK ACCOUNT IN BAGHDAD: PROMISE OF
ACTION AT LAST

REF: BAGHDAD 436

1. MFA NOTE 9/81/56/20534 OF JUNE 22, 1975 REPLIED
TO USINT'S NOTE 75 OF APRIL 17 (REFTEL. OPERATIVE
TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF IRAQ
HAS ADVISED THAT THE IMPOUNDING BY THE SUPERVISORY
EXECUTIVE BODY OF BAGHDAD OF THE AMOUNT OF IRAQI DINARS
4,368.340 HAS NOW BEEN VOIDED AND THE MINISTRY INTENDS
TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE IRAQI AUTHORITIES TO RETRIEVE
MENTIONED AMOUNT THROUGH ESTABLISHED CHANNELS. THE
MINISTRY WISHES TO ADVISE THAT THE BALANCE OF THE EMBASSY'S
BANK ACCOUNT AT THE RAFIDAIN BANK, KARRADAT MERIAM BRANCH
IS IRAQI DINAR 5.000 ONLY AND IT WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE
BELGIAN EMBASSY'S ACCOUNT AT THE RAFIDAIN BANK, UNKNOWN
SOLDIER BRANCH, AT WHICH TIME THE EMBASSY WILL BE NOTIFIED
UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: ADMIN OFF AND I SCHEDULED MEET JUNE 26
WITH MFA AND BANK TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF FOLLOWING
POINTS: (A) DISCREPANCY OF IRAQI DINARS 654 BETWEEN
AMOUNT (FREED" AND ORIGINAL IMPOUNDED; (B) REASON FOR
TRANSFERRING RESIDUAL IRAQI DINARS 5 FROM ONE BRANCH
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ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER (SOMETHING WE HAD NOT REQUESTED);

(C) WHETHER WE MAY SAFELY RESUME USE OF USG ACCOUNT
WITHOUT FEAR OF FUTURE SEIZURES (WE UNDERSTAND
INFORMALLY FROM BANK OFFICIALS THAT IN WAKE OF
EARLIER IMPOUNDMENT OF OUR FUNDS, MINISTRY OF FINANCE
HAS ISSUED ORDER TO BANKS FORBIDDING SUCH ACTION
WITHOUT MFA APPROVAL). WE ARE NOT HOLDING OUR
BREATH ON ACTUAL RETURN OF OUR MONEY BUT FEEL THAT
LOGJAM IS NOW BEGINNING TO BREAK UP.
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